

PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



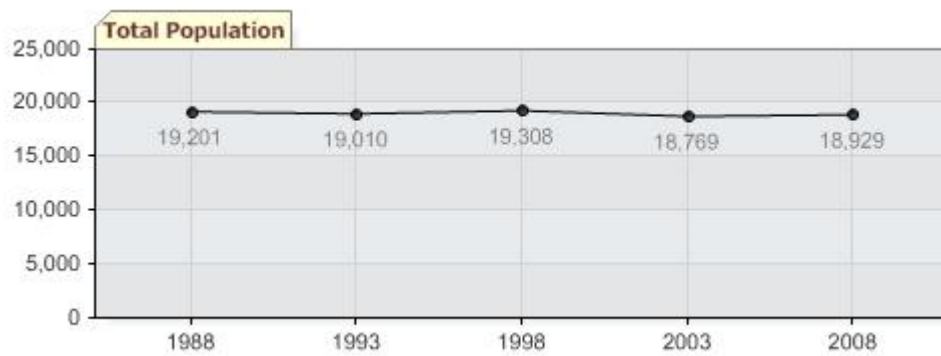
Location

Perry County is located in southwest Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by the Ohio River and the State of Kentucky. Crawford County borders to the northeast; Dubois County is to the northwest; and Spencer County to the west. Perry County is one of the nine counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 11.

Population

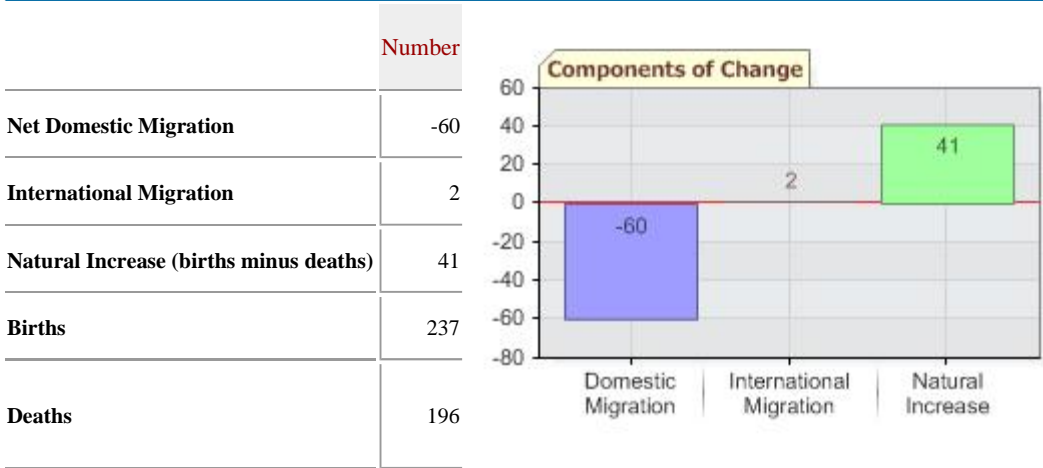
A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	19,201	19,010	19,308	18,769	18,929
Change Since 1988		-191	107	-432	-272
Pct. Change Since 1988		-1.0%	0.6%	-2.2%	-1.4%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

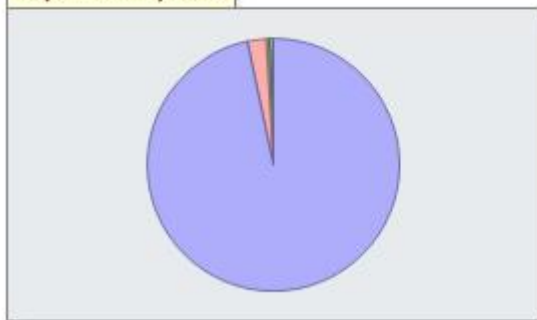
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,098	5.8%
School Age	2,797	14.8%
College Age	1,744	9.2%
Young Adult	5,414	28.6%
Older Adult	5,073	26.8%
Older (65 plus)	2,790	14.7%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	44	0.2%
Asian Alone	30	0.2%
Black Alone	454	2.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	3	0.0%
White Alone	18,286	96.5%
Two or More Race Groups	99	0.5%

Population by Race



96.51 %	White
2.40 %	Black
0.23 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.16 %	Asian
0.02 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.52 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	18,706	98.7%
Hispanic or Latino	210	1.1%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

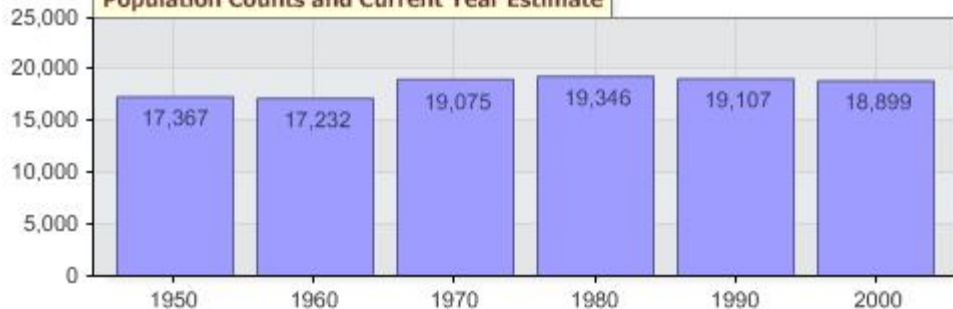
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	7,270	100.0%
Family Households	5,071	69.8%
Married with Children	1,690	23.2%
Married without Children	2,433	33.5%
Single Parents	537	7.4%
Other	411	5.7%
Non-family Households	2,199	30.2%
Living Alone	1,944	26.7%
Average Household Size	2.60	
Average Family Household Size	3.72	

Source: US Census Bureau

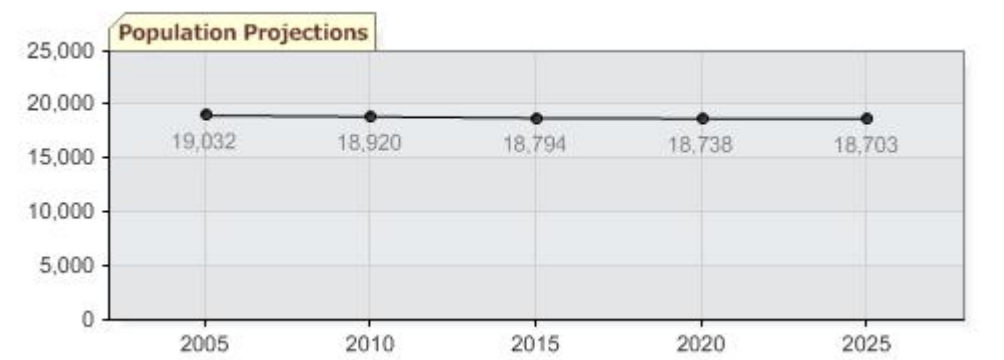
Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	17,367	NA	NA
1960	17,232	-135	-0.8%
1970	19,075	1,843	10.7%
1980	19,346	271	1.4%
1990	19,107	-239	-1.2%
April 2000	18,899	-208	-1.1%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A

Population Counts and Current Year Estimate



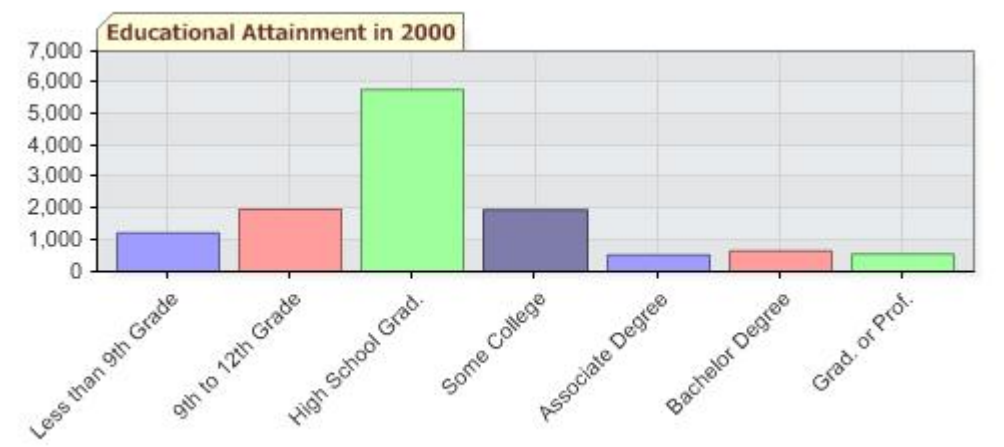
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	19,032	18,920	18,794	18,738	18,703
Change Since 2005		-112	-238	-294	-329
Pct. Change Since 2005		-0.6%	-1.3%	-1.5%	-1.7%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

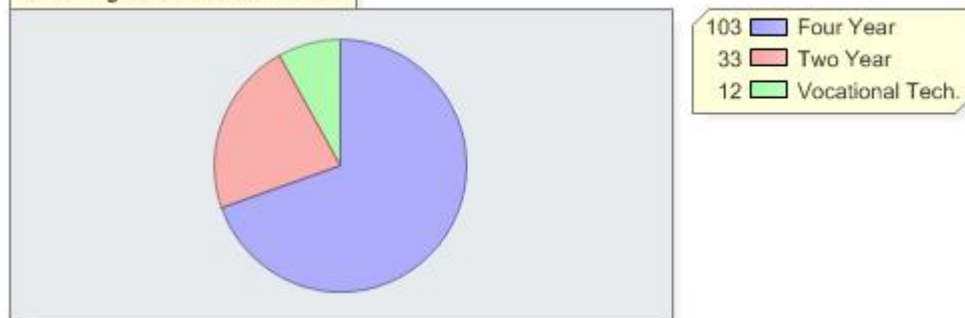
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	10,106	11,231	12,271	12,734
Less than 9th Grade	4,571	3,372	1,906	1,228
9th to 12th, No Diploma	1,634	2,017	2,345	1,987
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	2,909	4,294	5,280	5,790
Some College, No Degree			1,385	1,969
Associate Degree			525	538
Bachelors Degree			473	656
Graduate or Professional Degree			357	566



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	192	186	201	189
Total to Higher Education	152	148	132	148
Four-Year Institution	97	90	83	103
Two-Year Institution	36	46	42	33
Vocational/Tech.	19	12	7	12
Military	6	2	7	8

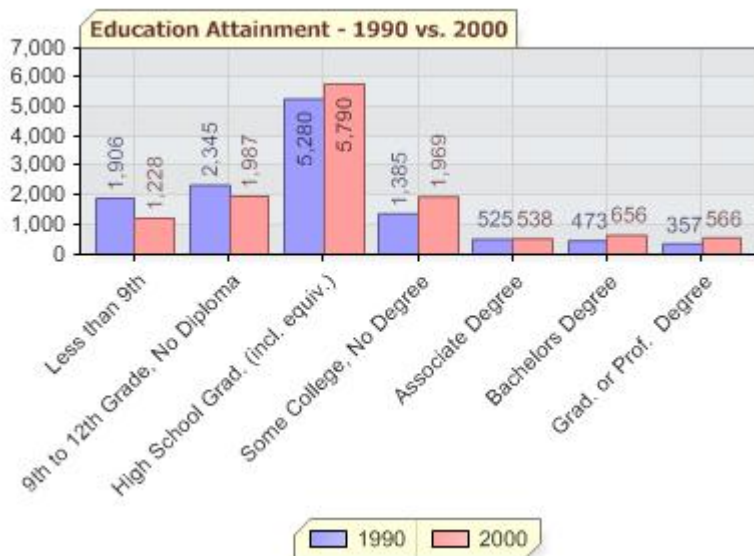
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	12,271	100.0%	12,734	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	1,906	15.5%	1,228	9.6%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,345	19.1%	1,987	15.6%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	5,280	43.0%	5,790	45.5%
Some College, No Degree	1,385	11.3%	1,969	15.5%
Associate Degree	525	4.3%	538	4.2%
Bachelors Degree	473	3.9%	656	5.2%
Graduate or Professional Degree	357	2.9%	566	4.4%

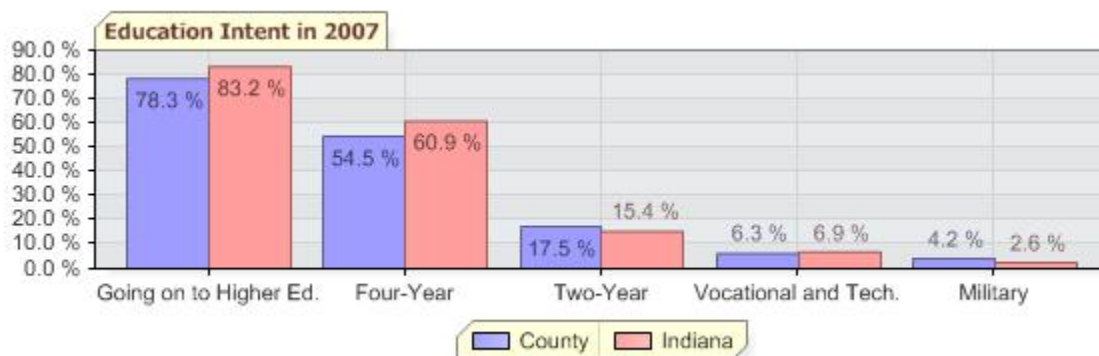


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	78.3%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	54.5%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	17.5%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	6.3%	6.9%
Military	4.2%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

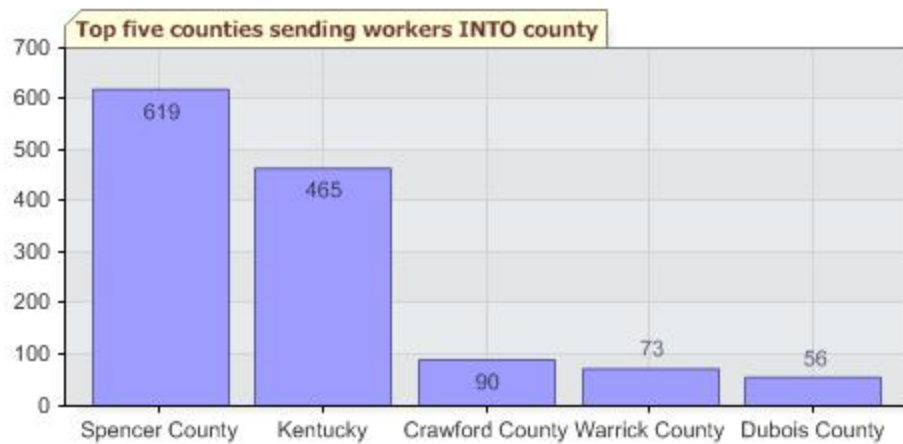
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	12,632
Number of tax filers who work in the county	10,888
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	9,426
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	1,462

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

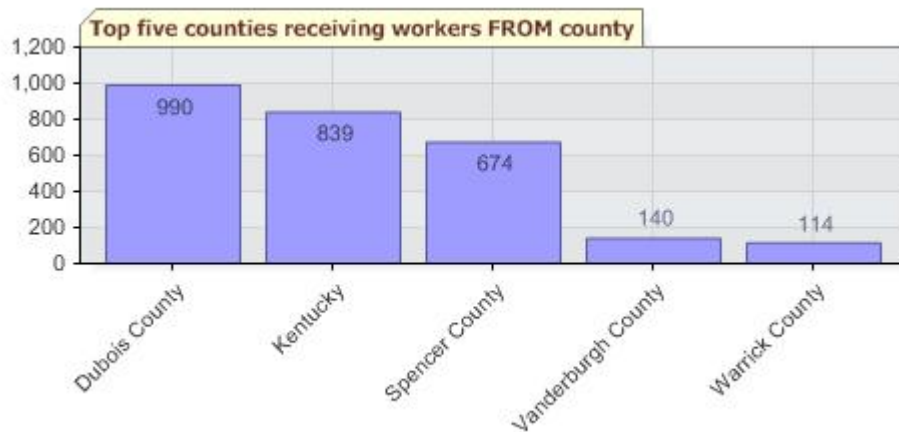
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Spencer County	619	46.2%
Kentucky	465	34.7%
Crawford County	90	6.7%
Warrick County	73	5.4%
Dubois County	56	3.8%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Dubois County	990	35.9%
Kentucky	839	30.4%
Spencer County	674	24.4%
Vanderburgh County	140	5.1%
Warrick County	114	4.1%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

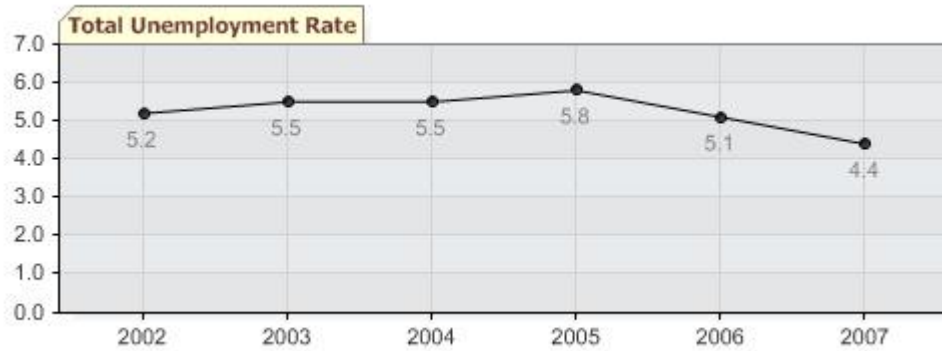
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	8,602	100.0%
Travel To Work	8,277	96.2%
Car, Truck, or Van	8,062	93.7%
Traveled Alone	6,570	76.4%
Carpooled	1,492	17.3%
Used Public Transportation	17	0.2%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	198	2.3%
Worked At Home	325	3.8%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	24.8	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	27.4	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

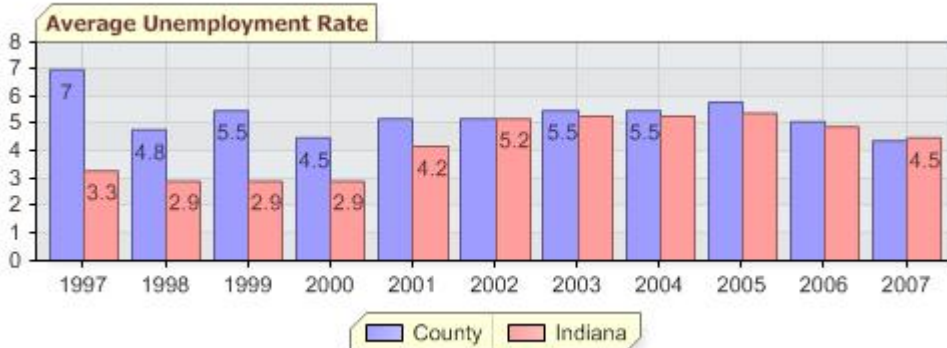
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	9,746	2.2%
Employed	9,314	2.3%
Unemployed	432	0.5%
Rate	4.4	-2.2%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	9,261	8,616	645	7.0	3.3
1998	8,955	8,523	432	4.8	2.9
1999	9,165	8,661	504	5.5	2.9
2000	9,537	9,107	430	4.5	2.9
2001	9,203	8,722	481	5.2	4.2
2002	9,424	8,934	490	5.2	5.2
2003	9,576	9,052	524	5.5	5.3
2004	9,668	9,139	529	5.5	5.3
2005	9,714	9,155	559	5.8	5.4
2006	9,757	9,264	493	5.1	4.9
2007	9,746	9,314	432	4.4	4.5



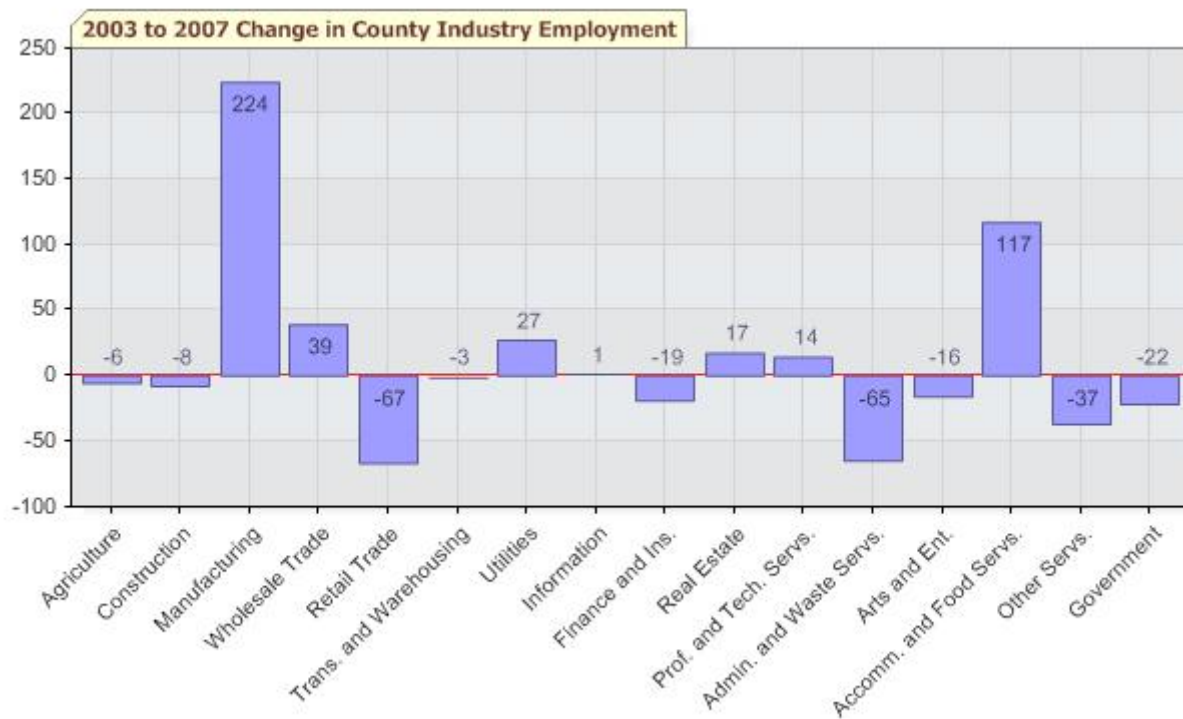
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	6,138	6,333	6,273	6,327	6,364	226	3.68%
Total Private Employment	4,590	4,771	4,737	4,830	4,838	248	5.40%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	26	24	21	22	20	-6	-23.08%
Mining	D	D	D	D	0	N/A	N/A
Construction	251	284	268	252	243	-8	-3.19%
Manufacturing	1,747	1,825	1,910	1,998	1,971	224	12.82%
Wholesale Trade	45	48	53	65	84	39	86.67%
Retail Trade	797	869	773	739	730	-67	-8.41%
Transport. and Warehousing	57	60	68	60	54	-3	-5.26%
Utilities	55	53	56	70	82	27	49.09%
Information	47	52	50	51	48	1	2.13%
Finance and Insurance	167	173	159	148	148	-19	-11.38%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	30	31	39	47	47	17	56.67%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	60	62	64	72	74	14	23.33%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	128	125	63	64	63	-65	-50.78%
Educational Services	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	430	412	426	448	469	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	35	25	19	18	19	-16	-45.71%
Accommodation and Food Service	484	504	542	575	601	117	24.17%
Other Services	173	168	168	155	136	-37	-21.39%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	1,548	1,562	1,536	1,497	1,526	-22	-1.42%

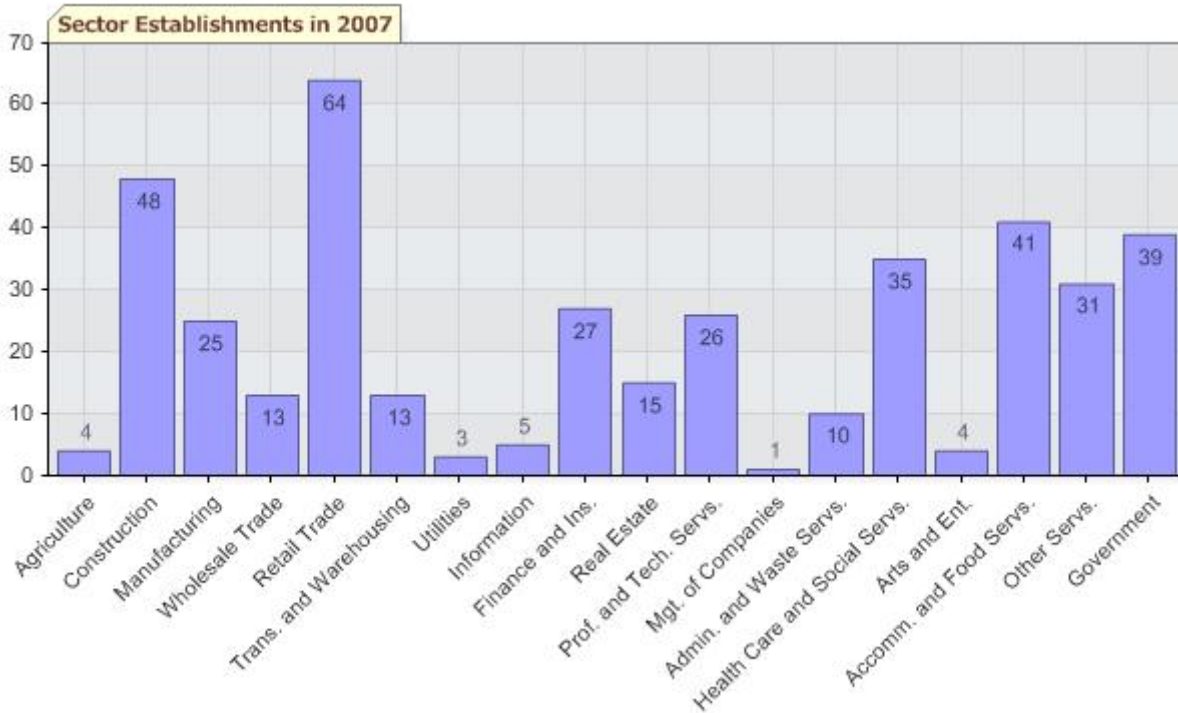


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	394	387	386	398	405	11	2.79%
Total Private Establishments	358	351	349	361	366	8	2.23%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	7	6	5	4	4	-3	-42.86%
Mining	D	D	D	D	0	N/A	N/A
Construction	45	47	47	50	48	3	6.67%
Manufacturing	22	23	23	26	25	3	13.64%
Wholesale Trade	10	8	9	10	13	3	30.00%
Retail Trade	65	62	61	62	64	-1	-1.54%
Transport. and Warehousing	17	16	14	13	13	-4	-23.53%
Utilities	3	3	3	3	3	0	0.00%
Information	5	6	6	6	5	0	0.00%
Finance and Insurance	26	26	26	26	27	1	3.85%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	10	10	12	15	15	5	50.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	22	21	22	23	26	4	18.18%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	10	10	9	9	10	0	0.00%
Educational Services	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	33	33	31	33	35	2	6.06%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	7	5	4	4	4	-3	-42.86%
Accommodation and Food Service	39	40	40	41	41	2	5.13%
Other Services	35	35	36	33	31	-4	-11.43%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	36	36	37	37	39	3	8.33%



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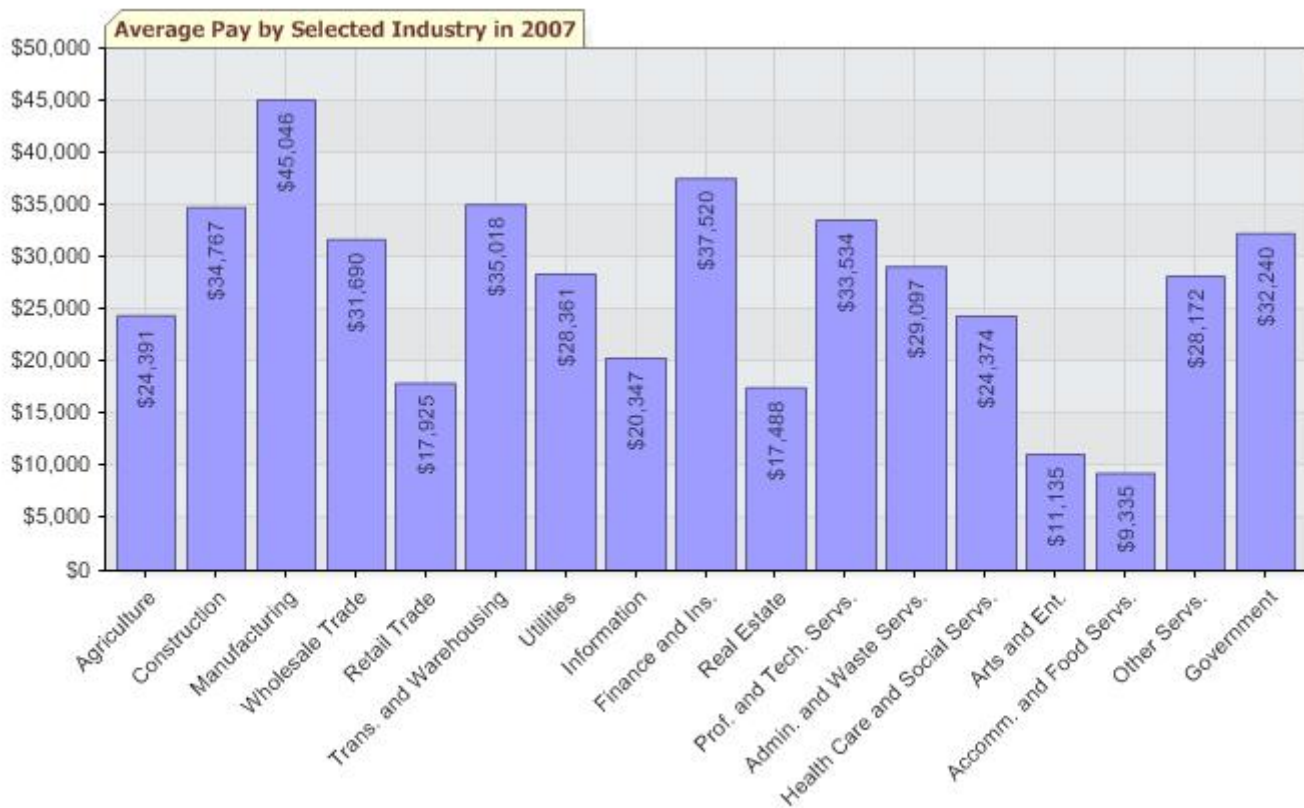
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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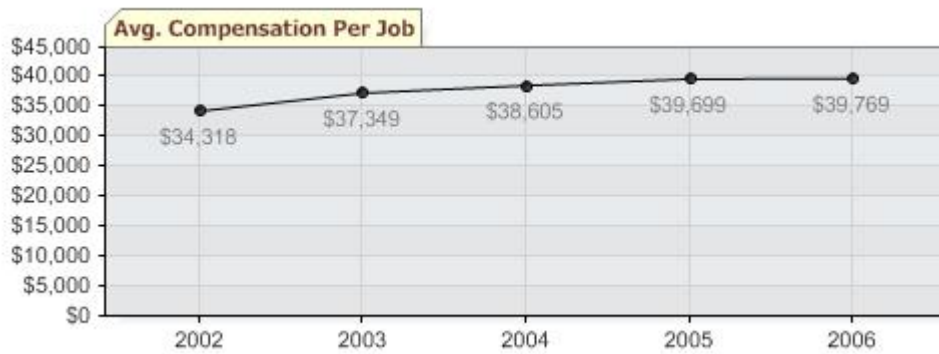
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$29,292	\$31,839	\$2,546	8.7%	\$37,530	84.8%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$23,217	\$24,391	\$1,174	5.1%	\$28,008	87.1%
Mining	D	0	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$34,372	\$34,767	\$395	1.1%	\$44,754	77.7%
Manufacturing	\$42,059	\$45,046	\$2,987	7.1%	\$51,148	88.1%
Wholesale Trade	\$27,874	\$31,690	\$3,816	13.7%	\$51,432	61.6%
Retail Trade	\$15,253	\$17,925	\$2,672	17.5%	\$22,581	79.4%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$31,264	\$35,018	\$3,754	12.0%	\$38,012	92.1%
Utilities	\$37,735	\$28,361	-\$9,373	-24.8%	\$68,267	41.5%
Information	\$18,920	\$20,347	\$1,427	7.5%	\$46,311	43.9%
Finance & Insurance	\$34,388	\$37,520	\$3,133	9.1%	\$52,649	71.3%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$15,992	\$17,488	\$1,496	9.4%	\$32,614	53.6%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$25,875	\$33,534	\$7,659	29.6%	\$51,451	65.2%
Mgt.of Companies	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$24,632	\$29,097	\$4,466	18.1%	\$24,934	116.7%
Education Svcs.	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$19,626	\$24,374	\$4,748	24.2%	\$37,706	64.6%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$7,521	\$11,135	\$3,615	48.1%	\$29,251	38.1%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$9,167	\$9,335	\$168	1.8%	\$12,442	75.0%
Other Svcs.	\$25,384	\$28,172	\$2,788	11.0%	\$24,862	113.3%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$30,008	\$32,240	\$2,232	7.4%	\$37,054	87.0%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

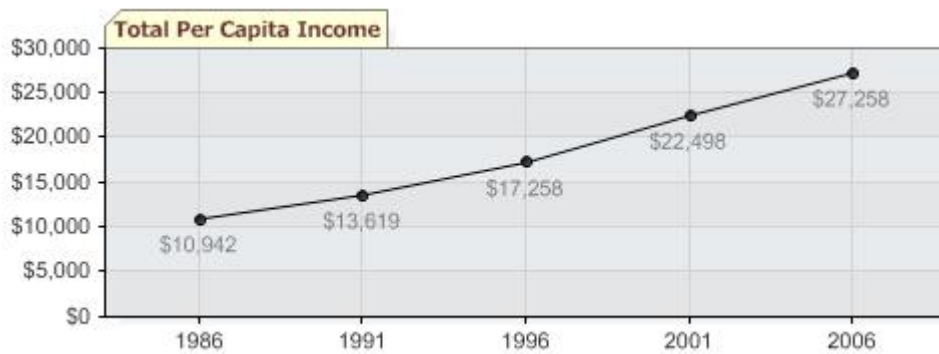
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$34,318	\$37,349	\$38,605	\$39,699	\$39,769
Change Since 2002		\$3,031	\$4,287	\$5,381	\$5,451
Pct. Change Since 2002		8.8%	12.5%	15.7%	15.9%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$10,942	\$13,619	\$17,258	\$22,498	\$27,258
Change Since 1986		\$2,677	\$6,316	\$11,556	\$16,316
Pct. Change Since 1986		24.5%	57.7%	105.6%	149.1%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$31,838
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	48.0%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

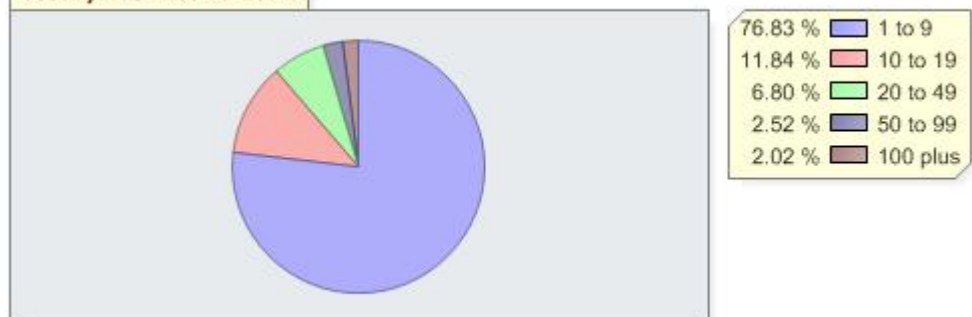
Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	305	17	5.9%	76.8%
10-19 employees	47	-10	-17.5%	11.8%
20-49 employees	27	2	8.0%	6.8%

50-99 employees	10	-2	-16.7%	2.5%
100 plus employees	8	1	14.3%	2.0%
TOTAL	397	8	2.1%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

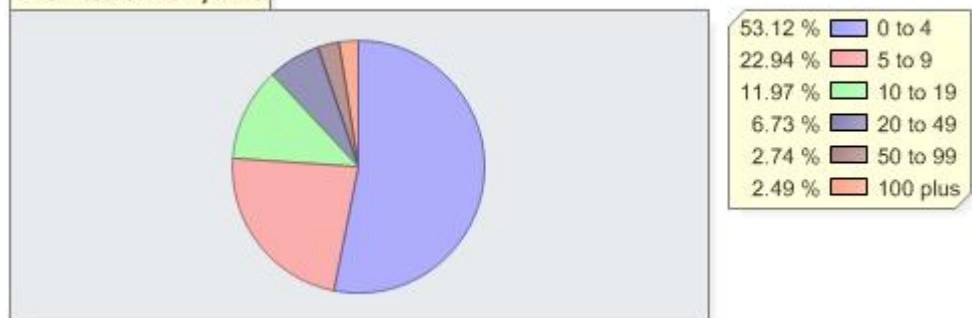


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	213	53.1%
5 to 9 employees	92	22.9%
10 to 19 employees	48	12.0%
20 to 49 employees	27	6.7%
50 to 99 employees	11	2.7%
100 plus employees	10	2.5%
TOTAL	401	100.0%

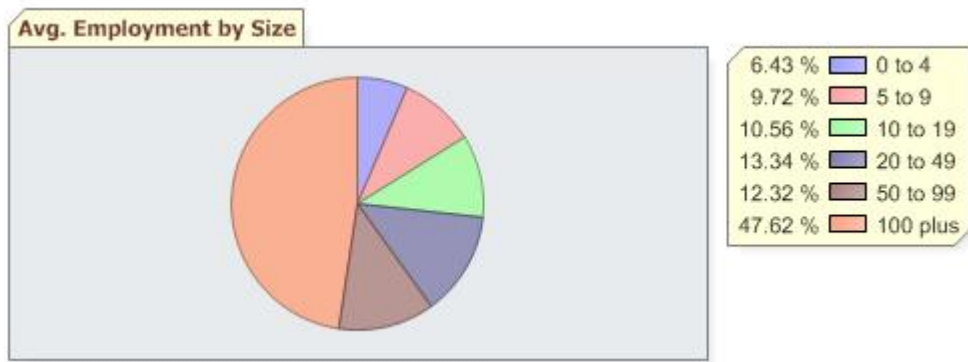
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	405	6.4%
5 to 9 employees	612	9.7%
10 to 19 employees	665	10.6%
20 to 49 employees	840	13.3%
50 to 99 employees	776	12.3%
100 plus employees	2,999	47.6%
TOTAL	6,298	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.